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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER
 FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM
 SUBJECT: MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

THE NEW YORK TIMES

KATHLEEN TELTSCH WRITES THAT SYRIA AGREED TO A SIX-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS PEACE-KEEPING FORCE SEPARATING SYRIAN AND ISRAELI TROOPS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. (1)

BERNARD GWERTZMAN SAYS THAT 75 SENATORS SENT A LETTER TO PRESIDENT FORD SAYING THAT THEY EXPECTED THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT A FOREIGN AID REQUEST TO CONGRESS THAT "WILL BE RESPONSIVE TO ISRAEL'S URGENT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC NEEDS." (1)

EDWARD COWAN WRITES THAT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS SAID THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN TO ANNOUNCE A MAJOR ENERGY-POLICY ACTION BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR EUROPE ON MAY 26. (1)

DAVID ANDELMAN SAYS THAT STUDENTS AND LAOTIAN EMPLOYEES OF THE AMERICAN AID PROGRAM SPENT THE DAY YESTERDAY LOOTING THE PROGRAM'S HEADQUARTERS, WHICH THEY HAD OCCUPIED BEFORE DAWN. THEY ALSO BARRICADED AN AMERICAN SUPPLY DEPOT AND RESIDENCE COMPOUND OUTSIDE VIENTIANE. (3)

A 13-MEMBER NORTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT DELEGATION ARRIVED IN BANGKOK AND SAID THAT "IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, CONDITIONS ARE NOW FAVORABLE FOR NEGOTIATIONS TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS." (3)

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LESLIE GELB WRITES THAT YOU STOOD AT THE ROSTRUM OF WEST BERLIN'S HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CONFIRM THE PAST AND TO REPLEGE THE U.S. TO THIS CITY'S FUTURE. WHILE YOUR VISIT TO WEST BERLIN WAS PLANNED MONTHS AGO, YOU SAW THIS MOMENT -- IN THE WAKE OF THE COLLAPSE OF THE AMERICAN POSITION IN INDOCHINA -- AS THE RIGHT TIME TO MAKE ANOTHER SYMBOLIC GESTURE OF ASSURANCE. YOU SAID THAT WASHINGTON "WILL NEVER SEEK PEACE BY ABANDONING PRINCIPLES OR SACRIFICING FRIENDS." (12)

PORTUGAL'S SOCIALIST PARTY HAS SAID THAT IT WILL STAY AWAY FROM CABINET MEETINGS UNTIL ITS MAJOR NEWSPAPER, WHICH WAS SEIZED ON MONDAY BY COMMUNIST PRINTERS AND SUBSEQUENTLY SHUT BY THE GOVERNMENT, IS RETURNED TO ITS EDITOR. (13)

PRESIDENT VALERY GISCARD D'ESTAING SAID THAT THE IDEA OF AN INDEPENDENT AND UNIFIED EUROPEAN DEFENSE SYSTEM COULD NOT USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED NOW, PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE "UNDERSTANDABLE SOVIET FEARS OF EUROPEAN MILITARY PRESSURE." (14)

DEVASTATING FIRES AND ANGRY DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE ERUPTED IN PARAMARIBO, SURINAM, DAILY FOR THE LAST WEEK AS THIS FORMER DUTCH COLONY PAINFULLY WORKS OUT FINAL PLANS FOR INDEPENDENCE. (15)

THE WASHINGTON POST

JIM HOAGLAND REPORTS THAT SAUDI ARABIA'S THIRD-RANKING LEADER, PRINCE ABDULLAH, ADVISED THE U.S. THAT IT "SHOULD NOT COMMIT THE FOLLY" OF TAKING MILITARY ACTION AGAINST OIL-PRODUCING COUNTRIES TO SECURE PETROLEUM SUPPLIES. (A-1)

THE U.S. HAS DECIDED TO SPEED UP ITS PULLOUT OF AMERICANS FROM LAOS FOLLOWING RECENT ATTACKS ON U.S. PERSONNEL, THE STATE DEPARTMENT SAID. MEANWHILE, A NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION ARRIVED IN THAILAND TO BEGIN TALKS ON NORMALIZING RELATIONS. (A-1)

SENATOR CHURCH INDICATED YESTERDAY THAT CIA DIRECTOR COLBY IS ACKNOWLEDGING CIA INVOLVEMENT IN ASSASSINATION PLOTS AGAINST FOREIGN LEADERS. HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE INCLUDED "NEW INFORMATION," WHICH CHURCH DECLINED TO SPECIFY. (A-8)

FORMER AMBASSADOR TASCA PUBLICLY DISASSOCIATED HIMSELF YESTERDAY FROM YOUR POLICIES IN THE CYPRUS CRISIS. "THERE WAS A TILT TO TURKEY," SAID THE RETIRED DIPLOMAT IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION OF REPEATED STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLAIMERS THAT U.S. POLICY FAVORED THE TURKISH SIDE OF THE EAST MEDITERRANEAN DISPUTE. (A-18)

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MURREY HARDER WRITES THAT YOU ASSURED WEST BERLIN AND TURKEY THAT COMMUNIST VICTORIES IN INDOCHINA CANNOT WEAKEN AMERICAN RESOLVE FOR THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE. (A-20)

BRUCE PALLING WRITES THAT THE UNEXPECTED PROMPTNESS OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE RESPONSE TO THAILAND'S INVITATION FOR A DIALOG IS A TURN-AROUND ON HANOI'S PREVIOUS DEMAND THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE IN THAILAND IS ENDED. (A-22)

JOSEPH FITCHETT REVEALS THAT THE JOINT U.S.-SAUDI COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAS PRODUCED FEW TANGIBLE RESULTS IN ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION. DESPITE YOUR HAILING THE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COMMISSION LAST YEAR AS "A MILESTONE IN OUR RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA AND WITH THE ARAB COUNTRIES IN GENERAL," PROBLEMS HAVE IMPEDED ITS FUNCTIONING. (A-26)

AN EDITORIAL ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO DEAL WITH CORPORATE BRIBERY ABROAD SAYS THAT JUST WHAT LEGISLATION REMEDIES MAY BE APPROPRIATE IS, AT THIS POINT, UNCERTAIN. IT IS IDLE TO PRETEND, HOWEVER, THAT CORPORATE BRIBERY IS UNRELATED TO THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE U.S, OR THAT THERE IS NOT A NEED FOR SOME SORT OF REMEDY. (A-30)

CHALMERS ROBERTS COMMENTS THAT IN THINKING ABOUT AMERICA'S POST-INDOCHINA RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD, IT MAY BE BETTER TO LOOK AT PROBLEMS IN CATEGORIES RATHER THAN IN A COUNTRY A COUNTRY SURVEY. WITH THIS IN MIND WE MIGHT WELL CONSIDER ARMAMENTS, ECONOMIC RESOURCES, AND HOME-FRONT PERCEPTIONS OF HOW TO CONDUCT FOREIGN POLICY. THERE IS NO ESCAPING A ROLE IN THE WORLD. WE HAD BETTER DECIDE WHAT IT SHOULD BE, AND REASONABLY SOON. (A-30)

VICTOR ZORZA CAUTIONS THAT DESPITE BREZHNEV'S VULNERABILITY, TO PUT TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON HIM AS THE U.S. CONGRESS DID IN THE MATTER OF JEWISH EMIGRATION IS TO STRENGTHEN THOSE IN THE KREMLIN WHO OPPOSE THE CONCESSIONS HE MIGHT BE WILLING TO MAKE AND TO WEAKEN BREZHNEV HIMSELF. THE WEST MIGHT END UP WITHOUT CONCESSIONS -- AND WITHOUT BREZHNEV. (A-31)

NOVAK AND EVANS SAY THE CHURCH COMMITTEE IS DISPLAYING UNCOMMON DISCRETION IN AVOIDING ANY SHOWDOWN WITH PRESIDENT FORD. IN PROSPECT IS A REASONED, FAIR, AND NONINFLAMMATORY SENATE EXAMINATION OF CIA. (A-31)

JACK ANDERSON AND LES WHITTEN REVEAL THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S OWN FILES, DISPITE HIS STATEMENTS, CONFIRM THEIR CHARGES ABOUT

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AMBASSADOR MARTIN'S HANDLING OF THE VIETNAM EVACUATION. ANDERSON QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM CONFIDENTIAL WHITE HOUSE RECORDS. IT IS CLEAR FROM THE AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS THAT THE MAN WHO IS CHIEFLY TO BLAME, AS THEY HAVE REPORTED IN PREVIOUS COLUMNS, IS GRAHAM MARTIN. (F-7)

THE BALTIMORE SUN

YOUR PICTURE IS FEATURED ON THE FRONT PAGE.

HENRY TREWHITT SAYS INFORMED OFFICIALS OUTLINED YESTERDAY A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE ROUTE AROUND ONE OF THE BARRIERS TO A NEW ARMS-CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION THIS YEAR. IN EFFECT, THEY SUGGESTED, THE U.S. MIGHT ASSUME SOVIET GOODWILL IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF BIG ROCKETS WITH SINGLE INSTEAD OF SEVERAL NUCLEAR WARHEADS. BUT THERE STILL IS NO CERTAINTY THAT THE SOVIET UNION WILL ACCEPT OTHER FUNDAMENTAL U.S. ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT ROCKET DEPLOYMENT. IN ADDITION, DIFFERENCES BETWEEN U.S. AND SOVIET NEGOTIATORS APPARENTLY ARE AS GREAT AS EVER ON ISSUES DEALING WITH BOMBERS AND SOME SPECIAL TYPES OF MISSILES. (A-1)

CHARLES CORODRY WRITES THAT THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE THINKS THE U.S. SHOULD GET ALL ITS COMBAT FORCES OUT OF THAILAND BUT OPPOSES ANY REDUCTIONS NOW IN U.S. FORCES IN SOUTH KOREA ON GROUNDS THAT CUTS WOULD BE "PSYCHOLOGICALLY AND MILITARILY" HARMFUL TO AMERICAN INTERESTS. SOME OFFICIALS THINK KOREA COULD BE THE NEXT TROUBLE SPOT IN THE WAKE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN COLLAPSES. (A-2)

THE BONN BUREAU OF THE SUN COVERS YOUR SPEECH YESTERDAY IN BONN. YOU DESCRIBED WEST BERLIN AS THE "ACID TEST" OF HOPED-FOR DETENTE AND REAFFIRMED THE UNITED STATES' COMMITMENT TO DEFEND THE CITY'S SECURITY AND TIES WITH THE WEST. (A-4)

AP REPORTS THE U.S. EXPECTS THE SOVIET UNION TO BACK AWAY FROM ITS INSISTENCE THAT THE PLO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN RECONVENED GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE TALKS. A SENIOR OFFICIAL TRAVELING WITH YOU SAID DURING THE FLIGHT TO ANKARA THAT NEITHER THE U.S. NOR ISRAEL WOULD EVER RELAX ITS OPPOSITION TO A DELEGATION OF PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS. (A-4)

AP LONDON REPORTS THAT AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON SAID CHINA'S LEADERS WANT THE U.S. TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN ASIA INDEFINITELY TO HEAD OFF SOVIET DOMINATION OF THE REGION. "THE CHINESE HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PRESERVATION OF A MAJOR U.S. ROLE TOWARD THE REST OF THE WORLD, IF ONLY BECAUSE CHINESE SECURITY TO A DEGREE DEPENDS ON A CONTINUING AMERICAN COUNTERVAILING ROLE AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION." (A-6)

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THE LEAD EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON THE SENATE'S REVERSAL ON CYPRUS. IT STATES THAT THE SENATE MADE A TIMELY DIPLOMATIC GESTURE BY GIVING ITS TENTATIVE APPROVAL TO A RESUMPTION OF ARMS AID TO TURKEY. MANY STRINGS WERE RIGHTLY TIED TO THIS REVERSAL OF POSITION. NOT ONLY DID THE DECISION PASS BY ONLY A ONE-VOTE MARGIN, BUT THE SENATE ACTED IN THE CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL IN NO WAY GO ALONG UNTIL THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT MAKES TANGIBLE CONCESSIONS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. WHETHER THE SENATE GESTURE WILL HELP BREAK THE IMPASSE THAT HAS CAUSED SO MUCH DAMAGE IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REMAINS TO BE SEEN. BUT IT WILL NOT HURT. (A-18)

JOSEPH KRAFT SUPPORTS MR. FORD'S SWIFT ACTION IN THE MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR. HE CONTENDS THAT IN THE TWO HOURS BEFORE THE RESCUE OF THE MAYAGUEZ AND ITS CREW BEGAN, THE WHITE HOUSE NOTIFIED 22 CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD ORDERED A LIMITED MILITARY OPERATION TO ACHIEVE THAT END. NOT ONE OF THE LEADERS POSED A SERIOUS QUESTION ABOUT THE NATURE OR SCOPE OR NECESSITY OF THE IMPENDING ACTION. WHETHER CRITICAL OR FAVORABLE, THE INQUESTS HAVE IGNORED A CENTRAL FEATURE OF THE WHOLE OPERATION. AS THE UNWONTED SILENCE OF THE CONGRESSMEN INDICATES, IT WAS A FAST-MOVING, HIGHLY OPERATIONAL AFFAIR INTRINSICALLY RESISTANT TO SECOND-GUESSING OR KIBITZING. (A-19)

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